(d) a full-length polypeptide having the amino acid sequence expressed by the cDNA plasmid contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75927;

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(e) a full-length polypeptide, excluding the N-terminal methionine residue, having the amino acid sequence expressed by the cDNA plasmid contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75927; and

(f) a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence expressed by a recombinant cell comprising the cDNA plasmid contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75927.

E3

43. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 42 consisting of amino acid residue -27 to amino acid residue +147 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

44. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 42 consisting of amino acid residue -26 to amino acid residue +147 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

45. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 42 consisting of amino acid residue +1 to amino acid residue +147 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

46. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 42 consisting of a full-length polypeptide having the amino acid sequence expressed by the human cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75927.

47. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 42 consisting of a full-length polypeptide, excluding the N-terminal methionine residue, having the amino acid

sequence expressed by the human cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75927.

E3 cont.

48. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 42 consisting of a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence expressed by a recombinant cell comprising the human cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75927.

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52. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 42 wherein said polypeptide is fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

E5

55. (Thrice Amended) An isolated polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule consisting of a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide sequence of at least 30 contiguous nucleotides of nucleotides 783 to 1304 of SEQ ID NO:1; and

(b) a polynucleotide sequence of at least 30 contiguous nucleotides of the open reading frame encoded by the cDNA plasmid contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75927.

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56. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 55 encoded by a polynucleotide which consists of (a).

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59. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 55 encoded by a polynucleotide which consists of (b).

E8

62. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 55 wherein said polypeptide is fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

65. (Twice Amended) An isolated polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) an amino acid sequence consisting of at least 30 contiguous amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:2; and

(b) an amino acid sequence consisting of at least 30 contiguous amino acid residues encoded by the cDNA plasmid contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75927.

66. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 65 which consists of (a).

69. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 65 which consists of (b).

72. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 65 wherein said polypeptide is fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

75. (Thrice Amended) An isolated polypeptide consisting of a first amino acid sequence 90% or more identical to a second amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a second amino acid sequence consisting of amino acid residues -27 to 147 of SEQ ID NO:2;

(b) a second amino acid sequence consisting of amino acid residues -26 to 147 of SEQ ID NO:2; and

(c) a second amino acid sequence consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 147 of SEQ ID NO:2.

77. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 75 which consists of second amino acid sequence (a).

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80. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 75 which consists of second amino acid sequence (b).

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83. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 75 which consists of second amino acid sequence (c).

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86. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 75 wherein said polypeptide is fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

E18

89. (Thrice Amended) An isolated polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule consisting of a polynucleotide which hybridizes to the complement of the polynucleotide set forth in nucleotides 783-1304 of SEQ ID NO:1 wherein said hybridization occurs under conditions comprising hybridization in a buffer consisting of 50% formamide, 5x SSC, 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.6), 5x Denhardt's solution, 10% dextran sulfate, and 20 µg/ml denatured, sheared salmon sperm DNA at 42 C and wash in a solution consisting of 0.1x SSC at 65 C and said polypeptide has proinflammatory activity.

E19

92. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 89 wherein said polypeptide is fused to a heterologous polypeptide.--